

# East County Intercom



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## Newsletter

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### UPCOMING & SERIES OF ON-GOING EVENTS !

County Executive Isiah Leggett Encouraging Residents to Save on Energy Bills through Home Energy Audit Workshops



#### Home Energy Audit Workshops Will Help Residents Save on Energy Bills

Are you shocked when you open your energy bills? There are ways you can decrease these bills. Attend a workshop presented jointly by the Montgomery



County Department of Environmental Protection and the Maryland Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program to learn how certified professional energy auditors will help Montgomery County residents identify home improvements that can reduce their energy bills. This workshop guiding residents through the home energy audit process will be held on **Tuesday, May 6 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Eastern County Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring.** Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett said, "I am encouraging homeowners to attend these workshops to learn how to save on their energy bills by reducing home energy consumption which is also one of the largest sources of greenhouse gas emissions." At the workshop, the Maryland Home Performance with ENERGY STAR's Program Manager, Asa Foss, will explain how to find a certified professional home energy auditor, what a home energy audit will entail, and how households can expect to benefit from the audit's results. The Maryland Home Performance with ENERGY STAR [www.mdhomeperformance.org](http://www.mdhomeperformance.org) is sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy. **The event is free, but space is limited.** Participants are encouraged to RSVP by sending an email to: [info@mdhomeperformance.org](mailto:info@mdhomeperformance.org).



**"Defining the Limit" East County Youth Event:** The Choices teens make today WILL effect their future. The remedy? Defining the Limit—an inspiring live performance by an exciting youth group from Arizona. This presentation encourages teens to rebel, rebel against choices the average teen makes through high school. It brings the story of 4 teens to life and shows how their choices in high school impacted their life for the future. Heavy drama coupled with an element of jazz and hip hop dance and music keep our audience focused on the truth of partying. **When: Friday, May 9th, 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm Where: East County Recreation Center, 3310 Gateshead Manor Way, Silver Spring, Maryland.** The event is free and includes Sherwood High School Jazz ensemble, door prizes, and refreshments. *Sponsored by the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, The East County Recreation Center, and the Montgomery County Police Department.*



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- Update on Free ESOL classes at EMRSC.
- East County Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Information
- The Peoples Community Wellness Center

### "Step Up in Style Shopping Spree"

#### Providing professional attire and accessories for women in transition

The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, in conjunction with other supporting agencies, is hosting a "Shopping Spree" to assist women re-entering the workforce on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Each year thousands of women gain the necessary skills to enter or re-enter the workforce. This program will help support their efforts, bolster their self esteem and increase their confidence by providing clean, professional clothing and accessories for their interview and beyond. Personal shoppers will assist women select attire and accessories that will help them advance in style. **Referrals are being accepted from non-profit orgs, churches and faith based organizations, shelters, and any related service providers whose services include East County women. For referral form, go to <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/rsc/eastco/Flyers/wowreferralfom2.pdf>** For more information call Gwen Haney at 240-777-8417



**Montgomery County Police  
3<sup>rd</sup> Dist. Police - Silver Spring  
801 Sligo Avenue,  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
Tel #(301) 565-7740**

#### **The Peoples' Community Wellness Center at EMRSC**

A Cooperative Venture between the People's Community Wellness Center (TPCWC), Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center (EMRSC) & Mobile Med.

For questions, call TPCWC at  
(301) 847-1172

**East County Community Yard Sale returns!** Starting **May through October 2008**, the Community Yard sale will be held at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center the **third** Saturday of each month, 9:00am-2:00pm. Proceeds from renting parking spaces will be donated to Eastern Montgomery Emergency Assistance Network (EMEAN). **Dates of sale : May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20 and October 18.** To register call #240-777-8411. For more details, go to <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/rsc/eastco/Flyers/finalyardsale.pdf>





**Special Election for District 4 County Council seat!** **Tuesday, May 13** is the date for the general election to fill the vacant County Council seat for District 4. On the ballot will be Mark D. Fennel (R) and Don Praisner (D). Regular absentee ballots for the general election must be requested by Tuesday, May 6. For more information regarding the special primaries and election, call the Board of Elections at 240-777-VOTE (8683) or go to <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/eletmpl.asp?url=/content/elections/SpecialElection2008Primary/index.asp>

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS !

Welcome to the Twenty Fifth Annual

# Colesville



## Strawberry Festival

Saturday, May 31, 2008

10 am to 4 pm

Festival held Rain or Shine!

Colesville Elementary School & Community Center  
Corner of Hobbs Drive & New Hampshire Avenue

Activities will include:

Business Exhibits \* Hillandale Rescue Vehicles

Kids Games \* Auction \* Plant Sales

Lions Club Eye Bus \* **FREE** Face Painting \* Craft Fair

Entertainment by local community groups

Bulk **STRAWBERRY** Sales

Food \* Drinks \* Fresh **STRAWBERRIES** & Ice Cream

Free Parking

Proceeds will go to C-4, the Colesville Council of Community Congregations.



**Save the Date !  
June 7, 2008**

The Public is invited to the "Unveiling Ceremony" to re-name the Fairland Library and Recreation Center to the "Marilyn J. Praisner Center."

When: June 7th 2008 Time: 11:00 am

Where: Fairland Community Recreation Center  
14906 Old Columbia Pike,  
Burtonsville, Maryland 20866

**Refreshments served after event!**

For more information, contact  
Fairland Community Recreation Center #240-777-4940  
or Fairland Library #240-773-9460



## CLOVERLY DAY

East County Board members greeted area residents and visitors at the Cloverly Day Festival on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. The festival, held at the Cloverly Shopping Center on Briggs Chaney and New Hampshire, is hosted by area businesses to offer an opportunity for families to enjoy fun activities while getting to know what these businesses are about. The day included music, food samples, raffles, dance demonstrations, and lots of fun activities for children.



### Burtonsville Fire Department

- 2008 Summer Carnival is scheduled for September again this year. They are unsure if they will be able to use the same site on Fairland Road between Route 29 and Old Columbia Pike due to the construction for the Inter County Connector. If you have any ideas for property that may be used, please let them know! For more information, visit <http://www.burtonsvillevfd.com/new/new.cfm>

**Spring is here and it's time for spring cleaning. Get rid of the clutter!**



**Don't just toss it!  
SHRED IT!**

**Free ESOL Classes Offered in East County** - Beginner and intermediate classes in English (ESOL) for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) are currently being held at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center. The classes are offered in partnership with the Chinese Culture & Community Center and are held on Friday evenings from 6:00-8:30 pm.





**"Welcome to Colesville"** - The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center *congratulates* the Greater Colesville Citizens Association (GCCA) for their perseverance and civic pride with the commissioning and installation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> set of "Welcome to Colesville" signs. A dedication ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, May 17, in the vicinity of Randolph Road and New Hampshire Avenue. This project was sponsored in part by a small county seed grant, followed by a substantial fundraising campaign by the GCCA.

**TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR LIFE, STAY ACTIVE & STRESS FREE!**  
 Visit or call to enroll for activities/programs at the  
**East County Department of Recreation**  
**East County Community Center**, 3310 Gateshead Manor Way, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904. Tel # 301-572-7004  
**Fairland Community Recreation Center**, 14906 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, Maryland 20866. Tel # 240-777-4970  
**Good Hope Community Center**, 14715 Good Hope Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20905. Tel # 240-777-8055



# Did you know?

## 2008 Montgomery County Farmers Markets Ready for Business

The 2008 Montgomery County Farmers Markets season officially runs from June through October, but several of the county's 13 markets are already open, will open May 1 and/or will stay open later through the fall. For more information go to:

[http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=4501](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=4501)



**Montgomery County Police Begin 2008 Prom Task Force** - Montgomery County Police, in cooperation with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Takoma Park Police, and Maryland State Police, activated a county-wide task force to address the problems associated with underage impaired driving, drinking, and drug use during this year's prom season. For more information go to [http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Police/News/NA\\_details.asp?NaID=3997](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Police/News/NA_details.asp?NaID=3997)

## Montgomery County to Recognize Building Safety Week, May 5 – 11 -

To help raise awareness of building safety, Montgomery County's **Department of Permitting Services (DPS)** is celebrating Building Safety Week, May 5 through 11. Communities across the country will promote the use and understanding of building safety and fire prevention codes to protect lives and property. This year's theme is "Building Safety: Where You Live, Work and Play." For more information go to:

[http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=4499](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=4499)

Outreach event will be held on **May 5, White Oak Library, 11701 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, from 6:30-8:30 pm.** For more info., call 240-777-6316



**Meter Feeding is Illegal!** Residents may not be aware that it is illegal to re-feed a parking meter in most jurisdictions in the country, including Montgomery County. These prohibitions exist to assist the business community by increasing the supply of parking spaces available for their customers. For example, during an eight hour period, four different patrons will be able to park in front of a business with a two-hour meter, as opposed to potentially one long-term parker. For more information on parking rates and regulations, call call 240-777-6000 or go to <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/doktmpl.asp?url=/content/dpwt/operations/parking/index.asp>

## Watch Out for Ticks--Important Information About Lyme Disease

As we head into the spring and summer season of warm weather and more outdoor activities, it is important for everyone to be aware of the risks of Lyme disease, especially if your job includes being outdoors in wooded or grassy areas. Anyone who spends time outdoors, whether for work or for recreation, is at risk. Lyme disease is caused by the bite of an infected tick. Ticks rest in bushes and tall grass and attach themselves to people or animals who brush against a bush or grass. Ticks are very small. Nymphs are about the size of the head of a pin. Adult ticks are about a quarter inch. The best prevention against tick bites is to wear long pants and long sleeves with pants tucked into socks and shirts tucked into pants, use at least 20% DEET on skin and clothing, and check your body for ticks every day that you spend time in wooded or grassy areas. Be sure to check your pets after they have been outdoors. They can be infected with Lyme disease. Although you cannot catch Lyme disease from your pet, it can bring ticks into your yard or house. To learn more about Lyme disease, including symptoms and how to remove ticks, go to [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/lymedisease](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/lymedisease), the State of Maryland website at [www.MarylandTickOff.org](http://www.MarylandTickOff.org) or the website of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at [www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvdiv/lyme](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvdiv/lyme)



**Be safe, stay healthy and enjoy the coming warm weather!**



## New Postal Prices w.e.f. May 12, 2008

On May 12 the United States Postal Service® will adjust prices for mailing services — First-Class Mail®, Standard Mail®, Periodicals, Package Services, and Special Services. The average increase by class of mail is at or below the rate of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index. **A First-Class Mail stamp will be 42¢.** Customers can continue to use the Forever Stamps that were purchased for 41¢. Additionally, a 62¢ stamp will be available shortly after May 12 for 1-ounce non-machinable First-Class Mail letters, such as square greeting cards.

For additional info. on price changes to **domestic mail services**, go to [http://faq.usps.com/eCustomer/faq/usps/request.do?create=kb:USPSFAQ&view\(\)=cfc\\_usps8299](http://faq.usps.com/eCustomer/faq/usps/request.do?create=kb:USPSFAQ&view()=cfc_usps8299)

For information about price changes to **international and domestic shipping services**, go to [http://faq.usps.com/eCustomer/faq/usps/request.do?create=kb:USPSFAQ&view\(\)=cfc\\_usps8300](http://faq.usps.com/eCustomer/faq/usps/request.do?create=kb:USPSFAQ&view()=cfc_usps8300)

**Fairland Library**, 14910 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, Maryland 20866 Tel 240-773-9460

To review the **Fairland Library** upcoming events and other learning programs go to **Calendar of Events** at:

<http://host.evanced.info/montgomerycountymd/evanced/eventcalendar.asp?ag=&et=&dt=dr&ds=2008-3-31&de=2008-9-30&df=list&cn=0&private=0&lib=5>

**White Oak Library**, 11701 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, Maryland 20904 Tel 240-773-9555

**Holocaust survivor Melitta Stein of Silver Spring** will share her life experiences at a free program to be held at the White Oak Library on May 7, beginning at 7 p.m. The library is located at 11701 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring. From ages 14-17, Stein was in six concentration camps. She has been interviewed for the "Washington Post Magazine" and is part of Steven Spielberg's oral history archive of the Shoah Foundation Institute. To request ADA program accommodations, contact the White Oak Library five work days in advance. For additional information call 240-773-9555. For details, review the **White Oak Library -Calendar of Events** at:

<http://host.evanced.info/montgomerycountymd/evanced/eventcalendar.asp?ag=&et=&dt=dr&ds=2008-3-31&de=2008-9-30&df=list&cn=0&private=0&lib=20>



**Employment Counseling-** The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, in cooperation with the Montgomery Works Career Development Center, provides employment counseling the third **Thursday of each month from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. The next date for this is May 15.** For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call 240-777-8400

**May 26, 2008**



**East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB)**

*Guests are invited to attend the East County Citizens Advisory Board meetings and encouraged to ask questions & provide comments.*

**Our next ECCAB meeting will be held at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center on**

**Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at 7:15pm**

For questions please contact : Tel (240) 777-8400 / TTY (240) 777-8418

**Meetings are open to the Public!**

**Speakers :** Executive Assistant Chief **Scott Graham**, Montgomery County, Department of Fire and Rescue. Ambulance Transport Fees & Q&A. **Roylene M. Roberts**, Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs will update on Burtonsville project.

Meeting and conference room space is available at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Center. To reserve space, call the CUPF agency at #(240) 777-2706

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**web : http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/eastco**



**FREE Compost Bins**

available at EMRSC

Call 240-777-8400

M-F 8:30 am -5:00 pm

